

Use the Short Form When Income Is Under \$10,000

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Who can file the short form, 1040A?

This form can be used when income is under \$10,000 and consists entirely of wages subject to withholding and not more than \$200 from other wages, dividends, and interest.

Form 1040A cannot be used by taxpayers who either itemize their deductions or who claim special tax credits or deduction such as retirement income credit, sick pay exclusion, or moving expense deduction.

Further details on filing requirements are given in the instructions that accompany

both the 1040 and 1040A tax forms.

How do you handle medical insurance premiums under the new law?

One half of the premiums paid for medical insurance up to a maximum of \$150 may be deducted when you itemize your deductions. These premiums are not subject to the three per cent of income limitation that applies to other medical expenses. The balance of your premiums should be included with other medical expenses.

The \$3 a month paid for supplementary benefits under Medical qualifies for this treatment.

Does IRS put out anything that goes into more detail than the tax instructions?

Yes, there are several publications.

One, "Your Federal Income Tax," provides 160 pages of detailed information. It may be purchased at local IRS offices for 50 cents.

There is also a "Tax Guide for Small Business," which costs 50 cents and a "Farmer's Tax Guide," which is available without charge.

Too much was taken out for social security tax last year

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because I held two jobs. What should I do?

You can take credit for the excess social security tax withheld by entering it on line 18 of Form 1040.

My company paid my salary while I was recovering from a serious operation in the hospital last year. Can you tell me whether I have to pay tax on my pay for that time?

It depends on how much you received in pay for the time you were out. If your company paid you more than 75 per cent of your regular salary while you were sick then there is a 30-day waiting period before any of your pay may be excluded from income. After the 30-day period, you may exclude up to \$100 a week from your income as sick pay.

If you received 75 per cent or less of your regular pay, you will have no waiting period. Then you may exclude up to \$75 a week. After 30 days, you may exclude up to \$100 a week as sick pay. If you had not been hospitalized, you would have a seven-day waiting period.

This provision of the law is explained at greater length in 1040 instructions so be sure to check them if you think you are entitled to claim this exclusion.

I support the child of my divorced daughter. Can I claim the child as a dependent even though she does not live with me?

Generally, you can if you provide more than one-half the child's support and the child was either a citizen or resident of the United States, did not file a joint return, and had gross income of less than \$600.

The dependency requirements are covered in the 1040 tax instructions.

Sales Top \$5 Million In January

Real estate sales in Torrance during the month of January reached an all time high of \$5,000,745, according to H. Harold Lippard, president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors.

Lippard said members of the local board processed 198 sales. A total of 36 per cent of the listings processed through the board's Multiple Listing Service were sold during the month.

A total of 553 properties were listed through the service in January. "Right priced property is selling through the Multiple Listing Service," Lippard said.

Dollar volume during January, 1967, was slightly more than \$2.7 million and during January, 1966, topped \$3.5 million.

"It looks like it's going to be great in '68," Lippard commented.

Rights Essay

A West High School junior, Janis Ishimoto, has received an achievement award for an outstanding essay she wrote and entered in a Bill of Rights essay contest. Less than 100 of these awards were issued for the contest, which encompassed the entire Los Angeles area.

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JOHN MILTON KENNEDY To Address Rotary Club

Del Amo Rotary Club To Hear About Atoms

A simplified explanation of nuclear power—its past, present, and future—will be presented by television and radio personality John Milton Kennedy in a talk before the Del Amo Rotary Club next Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at 12:10 p.m. at Howard Johnson's Restaurant, 20535 Hawthorne Blvd.

Kennedy, who is appearing as a representative of the Southern California Edison Co., will discuss "The Atom Comes to Town." Included in his talk will be a report on the \$87 million San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station jointly built by San Diego Gas and Electric Co. and the Edison Co.

"Because nuclear power was born with a bomb, many people still think of a mushroom cloud when they think of nuclear development," Kennedy points out.

The sole serious accident in this country, he explains, in-

olved only operating personnel engaged in work on an experimental project which did not have any of the built-in safeguards utilized in a commercial power plant.

As for radioactive emissions, "you would receive far more radioactivity from wearing a radium dial wrist watch for one day than you would get from living in the immediate vicinity of our nuclear plant for an entire year," Kennedy declares.

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